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Command Message



To the Families And Troops

As we put the finishing touches on our Ft. Hood post mobilization training experience, I want to commend each and every Soldier for their superb dedication, hard work and performance.

All units were "validated" for deployment by the 5th US Army Team. In Part II of this issue of the Tiger Tracks is a roll up of all the training that has been accomplished.

Our focus lately has been maintenance, rail loading of equipment to the port for shipment to Kuwait, and close out of Ft. Hood. I hope that all you enjoyed Tiger Day. We are certainly blessed to have such a generous support team.

Next the BCT will deploy to our Mission Rehearsal Exercise at the National Training Center (NTC) at Ft. Irwin, California. This training is a significant challenge. NTC is a physically unforgiving place and the daily temperatures will exceed 110 degrees. Prepare yourself mentally and remember that safety is our #1 priority.

After NTC, we will return to the Intermediate Staging Base (ISB) near England Airbase in Alexandria, Louisiana. From there, each Soldier will be allowed a 10 day leave. The exact time period for this leave is dependant upon each individual Soldier's deployment grouping (advanced party, port security, main body etc.).

Soldiers should verify (by talking to their chain of command) that they know which group they are part of BEFORE making any plans for their leave period. This will ensure you are able to give your families ACCURATE information.

Continue to take care of one another and remain focused on your mission. I am extremely proud of you and thank you for your service.

Again, I want to thank the families and the Family Readiness Groups for their unwavering support and encouragement. I would like to extend a special thank you to the HHC Brigade Family Support groups for their support of Tiger Day here at Ft. Hood.
-BG John Basilica

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Chaplain's Corner

By LTC Robert Baker Jr.
256 BDE Chaplain

AS WE GET READY TO LEAVE FT. HOOD SOME ARE SAYING, IT IS LONG OVERDUE. SOME YEARS AGO A COUNTRY AND A WESTERN SINGER HAD A PHRASE IN HER SONG, "YOU DON'T MISS THE WATER UNTIL THE WELL RUNS DRY." THIS MAY WELL BE THE CASE AFTER WE ARRIVE AT NTC. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN, IT WILL BE A NEW EXPERIENCE, FOR THOSE OF US WHO HAVE BEEN MORE THAN ONCE, IT IS DEJAVU ALL OVER AGAIN.

THE APOSTLE PAUL ONCE SAID THAT "WHATSOEVER STATE I AM IN I WILL BE CONTENT." THIS TELLS ME MUCH ABOUT THIS MAN. IT TELLS ME OF A MAN WHO SUFFERED, WHOSE PATIENCE WAS SORELY TRIED, WHO WAS ACQUAINTED WITH MANY HARDSHIPS THAT LIFE BROUGHT HIS WAY.

WE WILL EXPERIENCE MANY HARDSHIPS AT NTC, BUT GOD'S GRACE IS JUST AS AVAILABLE THERE AS IT IS HERE AT FT. HOOD. IF WE JUST REACH OUT AND TAKE/RECEIVE IT. WE ARE ABOUT TO DO SOMETHING NO LOUISIANA NATIONAL GUARD BRIGADE HAS EVER DONE--BE DEPLOYED IN IRAQ FOR AT LEAST 1 YEAR. THERE WILL BE MANY JOYS TO SHARE AND MANY TIMES WHEN WE MAY JUST FEEL LIKE DOING NOTHING AT ALL. JUST REMEMBER NO MATTER WHERE WE GO OR FOR HOW LONG WE CANNOT OUTFRONT GOD'S GRACE, MERCY AND LOVE. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO SEEK A TRULY SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST OUR LORD.

"RELIGION STIFLES US, BUT THE WAY OF THE CROSS SETS US FREE!"

The Emotional Cycle of Deployment

Stages of Deployment

- **Pre-deployment** (varies)
- **Deployment** (1st month)
- **Sustainment** (months 2 thru 5)
- **Re-deployment** (last month)
- **Post-deployment** (3-6 months after deployment)

Stage 1 Pre-deployment

- Anticipation of loss vs. denial
- Train-up/long hours away
- Getting affairs in order
- Mental/physical distance
- Arguments

Stage 2 Deployment

- Mixed emotions/relief
- Disoriented/overwhelmed
- Numb, sad, alone
- Sleep difficulty
- Security issues

Stage 3 Sustainment

- New routines established
- New sources of support
- Feel more in control
- Independence
- Confidence ("I can do this")

•Stage 4 Re-deployment

- Anticipation of homecoming
- Excitement
- Apprehension
- Burst of energy/"nesting"
- Difficulty making decisions
- Time frame: months five thru six

Stage 5. Post-deployment

- Honeymoon period
- Loss of independence
- Need for "own" space
- Renegotiating routines
- Reintegrating into family

We realize our Family members are also affected tremendously by our deployment. There is always help available through the Family Support Groups, and you can also find out more information on the emotional cycle of deployment, benefits, information on family support and much more by visiting www.hooah4health.com. This website is also beneficial to the Soldiers.

Mechanics Go Above and Beyond!

By Spc. Erin E. Robicheaux
256th BCT PAO Staff

After accepting an award in Washington, D.C. recently, two Soldiers representing 2-156 and the 256th Brigade have returned to share their experience.

"The trip was really nice. It was a first-class operation and they really treated us well," says SFC Aaron Bourque, "and we got to include our wives which made it even better."

SFC Bourque and 2-156 Maintenance NCOIC, MSG Clay Broussard, spent two days at our nation's capital receiving an honor on behalf of all mechanics of 2nd Battalion.

"These guys are like linemen on the Army's football team. They pound it out every day to keep units combat ready and they don't normally get the glory," said Brig. Gen. William "Mike" Lenaers, commandant of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School. "We're taking the time to recognize them."

BG Lenaers, Lt. Gen. Claude Christianson, deputy chief of staff, G-4 (Logistics); and CW5 James Wynne, regimental chief warrant officer of the Ordnance Corps presented the awards.

Winning units received a plaque, a Chief of Staff of the Army Star Note and a letter from the Sergeant Major of the Army congratulating them for their outstanding accomplishments.

"They look at overall numbers and reports and all of the information is compiled into a book then judged at the state level," said MSG Broussard, "If you win, then you compete at the regional level and if you take that, you are entered into the national competition."

This is the second time that the battalion has competed at the national level. Thirteen years ago they placed third in the competition.

The competition is divided into Active Army, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard. Each component is also split into three categories, small, medium, and large. The 2-156 placed first overall in the Army National Guard Large category.

"The mechanics did the work, and CPT Hargrave really made it possible," said MSG Broussard.

Captain Lance Hargrave took over as the Battalion S-4 right at the time that the judging began and both Soldiers attribute his leadership and the work of all Soldiers of 2-156 to the honor of the award.

"It's driven by the leadership whenever you win something like this, but what makes it actually happen are the Soldiers of 2nd battalion. And not just the maintenance Soldiers, because maintenance involves everyone," said SFC Bourque.

"It's a great honor, probably the highlight of my 16 years," he said. "To be selected out of 730 men to represent the battalion is a great honor."

Additional Source: AKO.mil



MSG Clay Broussard, CPT Lance Hargrave
and SFC Aaron Bourque with their sweet reward



Legal Assistance Corner

*1LT Dirk J. Thibodeaux
Chief, Legal Assistance*

During the last three months, the 256 BCT Legal Assistance Office has provided services to hundreds of Tiger Brigade Soldiers in many different subject areas, such as wills, powers of attorney, child support and custody, and immigration. Most of the issues in this initial stage of our mobilization have been geared towards giving the Soldiers and their families peace of mind as they prepare for an extended separation. As we prepare for deployment overseas, there are a couple of issues, such as claims and voting assistance, which Soldiers should be aware of which may not be on anyone's radar screen.

Voting Assistance

The Presidential and Congressional Elections are just around the corner. Soldiers of the 256th BCT should begin sending in their Federal Post Card Applications for absentee ballots as quickly as possible. The 256th BCT Legal Assistance Office has all of the information and forms necessary to complete the Post Card Application. Also, Voting Assistance Officers have been appointed for every company in the BCT to assist Soldiers in requesting absentee ballots. To ensure timely receipt of the ballots, Soldiers should try to mail or fax the application to their local parish or county registrar of voters office by August 15, 2004. All Soldiers are asked to provide the following return address on the Post Card Application:

Name
Company Name, 256 BCT
304 F. Street C/O COL M. Wood
Camp Beauregard
Pineville, LA 71360

Ballots received at the above address will be distributed to the soldiers immediately prior to block leave at the ISB or upon return from block leave if taken earlier. Please contact 1LT Dirk J. Thibodeaux at the 256 Legal Assistance Office, or any other JAG section member, for assistance.

Claims Office

If a soldier's property is damaged or lost during deployment, the soldier may request reimbursement by filing a claim with the 256th BCT Legal Assistance Office. The Claims Judge Advocate is 1LT Dirk Thibodeaux. In order to ensure reimbursement and to speed processing of the claim, please make a list of all items which are packed in all of your duffel bags and tough boxes, especially those packed in a Conex. Loss of property due to soldier negligence will not be paid.

A claims officer has been appointed for every company in the BCT. This claims officer is the first point of contact when a soldier believes that he or she has a valid claim. The role of the claims officer is to make the initial investigation as to the merits of the claim and forward this information to the Claims Judge Advocate, who then evaluates the legal basis for payment of the claim.



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Sexual Harrassment

By Spc. Johnnie Brown, Jr.
102nd HQ PAO Staff

You are in the presence of several of your fellow Soldiers and when you walk away one of them makes a loud whistle directed towards you and makes the comment of how they would like to do some things to you. The American workforce is more co-ed than it has ever been and it is this new reality that the Army is diligently trying to educate its members. As a result of this diversity in the workforce, sexual harassment is a problem that the Army seeks to prevent. The Army has regulations to protect against sexual harassment and whoever violates the regulations can be punished under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).

The Army has defined sexual harassment as a form of sex discrimination that involves unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, or physical conduct of a sexual nature, when:

1. Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of a person's job, pay or career, or,
2. Submission to or rejection of such conduct is used as a basis for career or employment decisions affecting that person, or,
3. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment.

There are two forms of sexual harassment:

1. verbal sexual harassment
2. physical sexual harassment.

Verbal sexual harassment consists of actions such as off-color jokes,

sexual comments (jokes), whistling, and barking to name a few. Physical sexual harassment contains such actions as stroking, grabbing, patting, hugging, or giving suggestive pictures or cartoons to someone. These types of harassment are manifested in several ways that can be harmful to the individual and the unit.

Each individual is affected differently by sexual harassment, but the internal battles remain the same. Initially, a person begins to deny that the situation even exists. If the unwanted advances continue then the victim oftentimes blames themselves. If the sexual harassment is allowed to continue it can result in a confrontation. If the circumstances have not changed between the denial phase and the confrontation stage the unit as a whole can suffer from the internal damage and possible external pressures that are created.

If the victim reports the behavior or actions and nothing is done by supervision then a "hostile environment" is created and the unit begins to suffer. This "hostile environment" can seep into the unit like a cancer and cause the morale of the members to erode. At this point, you may be asking yourself "How do you know if you are being harassed? Am I harassing someone?"

There is a simple four-question test that you can use to determine whether you are harassing someone or being harassed by someone.

1. Was the behavior or innuendo sexual in nature? Was the behavior unwelcome?
2. Does the behavior create a hostile or offensive work environment?

3. Have sexual favors been demanded, requested, or suggested--especially as a condition of employment or career and job success?

Take the situation in question and if you answered yes to any of the questions from above then it is conceivable that you were either harassing or were harassed by someone. An unwelcome advance can consist of repeated requests for a date, obsessive following someone (stalking), uninvited visits to personal quarters, and unwanted phone calls. The Army is very explicit in its policy on sexual harassment and the possible punishments reflect this commitment to protecting the members. Depending on the actual circumstances a soldier can be charged with various articles of the U.C.M.J. The punishment can be administrative like counseling or the member can be discharged. The member can also face criminal charges. What should I do if I feel as though I have been harassed?

To assist in the investigation the victim should keep a private journal of the incidents. The journal should contain such things as: Date, time, place of the incident, witnesses, and the actions of the offender. This also serves as a way to decide if you want to pursue the matter further.

"The Army encourages soldiers to try and take care of such complaints at the lowest level possible. The first step is as simple as talking to the offending individual about the indiscretion," states Captain Samuel James,

256th Brigade Equal Opportunity Representative (E.O.R.). This typically resolves the matter before it escalates to the level of involving the E.O.R., Company Commander, or the Equal Opportunity Advisor (E.O.A.).

Ultimately, it is incumbent on the Soldier to know how to treat other Soldiers with respect and in a dignified manner. Failure to do so can have serious consequences.

If more immediate information is needed, contact Cpt. James or 2LT Taysha Deaton through your chain of command. In the next edition we will give you a list of Equal Opportunity Representatives for each unit.

What are Some Techniques to Deal with Sexual Harassment?

(1) Direct approach.

Confront the harasser and tell him/her that the behavior is not appreciated, not welcomed and that it must stop. Stay focused on the behavior not the impact. Use common courtesy. Write down the thoughts before approaching the individual involved.

(2) Indirect approach.

Send a letter to the harasser stating the facts, personal feelings about the inappropriate behavior and expected resolution.

(3) Third party.

Request assistance from another person. Ask someone else to talk to the harasser, to accompany the victim, or to intervene on behalf of the victim to resolve the conflict.

(4) Chain of Command.

Report the behavior to immediate supervisor or others in the chain of command and ask for assistance in resolving the situation.

(5) File a formal complaint. Details for filing an informal or formal complaint are in [AR 600-20](#), App E.

What is the Purpose of the Equal Opportunity Program?

The Equal Opportunity Program is to ensure fair treatment for all persons based solely on merit, fitness, and capability in support of readiness.

The goal is to provide EO for military personnel, and family members, both on and off post and within the limits of the laws of localities, states, and host nations.

Create and sustain effective units by eliminating discriminatory behaviors or practices that undermine teamwork, mutual respect, loyalty, and shared sacrifice of the men and women of America's Army.

The EO complaints process addresses complaints that allege unlawful discrimination or unfair treatment on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, and national origin.

There are two types of EO complaints; informal and formal complaints. An informal complaint is any complaint that as soldier, family member or DA civilian does not wish to file in writing.

Informal complaints may be resolved directly by the individual, with the help of another unit member, the commander or other person in the complainant's chain of command.

A formal complaint is one that complaint files in writing and swears to the accuracy of the information. Formal complaints require specific actions, are subject to timelines, and require documentation of the actions taken.



"Equal Opportunity = Readiness"

3 Cheers for the Tiger Brigade!

By Spc Erin E. Robicheaux
256 BCT PAO Staff

Military service overseas is a family tradition for Major Jason Yeates, Battalion XO for 3-156 and his brother. A Sergeant in the Air National Guard, Bill Yeates has recently returned home from a tour in Afghanistan and now he's continuing to do his part to help the cause.

"I actually got the idea for the competition while I was in country," said Yeates, "I was eating lunch and there was a Phi-Mu banner hanging up in the cafeteria, because various sororities and universities wanted to show their support for the troops. It sparked the idea to have a competition that will benefit the Soldiers on deployment."

His company, Spirit Professionals, is holding the upcoming "Quest for the Best" Louisiana Spirit Championships and Holiday Shopping Expo.

"There's a lot going on throughout the weekend," says Yeates. "We will have a banner and picture contest, a cheerleading and dance competition, and there is also a shopping expo throughout the duration of the weekend."



The event will be held at the Baton Rouge River Center on November 27th and 28th and 50% of all money taken at the door will go to help servicemen and women overseas. Yeates' business is made up primarily of former college and high school cheerleaders, whose purpose is to conduct clinics, host competitions, and provide supplies to local squads.

"We just wanted to show our support," claimed Yeates, "I've been there and now my brother is going, so I just wanted to help in any way possible."

The Future History of Louisiana's 256th Brigade

By Sean Marsh
256 BCT PAO Contributor

On this day in history, August 15th, 1945 Emperor Hirohito of Japan shocked his people by broadcasting, via radio, instructions for the Japanese to surrender to the Allies. This broadcast signaled the end of World War II and the beginning occupation of Japan.

Today, the 256th Brigade of Louisiana is preparing to assist in the occupation of Iraq, just as our Soldiers did in Japan. Similarities of these two occupations are that both Japan and Iraq were in essence, totalitarian regimes that were conquered and replaced with more humane, world-friendly, democratic governments. While there are many similarities here, there are also notable differences. One of which, is that Saddam Hussein, a self-confessed scholar of Stalin, is almost universally reviled as a war criminal, whereas Emperor Hirohito's role in World War II was largely ceremonial.

Therefore at the urging of General MacArthur, this resulted in Hirohito keeping his ceremonial status as Emperor (as well as his life). In the instance of Iraq however, when all is said and done, it is likely that Saddam Hussein, even though he did set himself up in godlike dimensions, will lose a lot more than just his divine status.

The occupation of Japan has been over for many years now, resulting in not only a stabilized region, but in another American ally in a world where we Americans need as many friends as possible.

The occupation of Iraq is not yet over, and Louisiana has been called to help. What the soldiers of the 256th Brigade are bringing to the table is a combination of cheerful enthusiasm belying a hard-as-nails work ethic. There they will carve a name for themselves in future history that will make all of Louisiana proud and the world a safer place.



Health and Fitness

Staying in Shape in the Field

*By Spc. Erin E. Robicheaux
256th BCT PAO Staff*

It's pretty hard staying in shape in the field, but paying attention to what you eat and developing a field workout can be all it takes. "How do I do that with the lack of equipment and running space," you ask? It's fairly simple; you just have to get a little creative.

As far as nutrition is concerned, you will obviously be subjected to a diet rich in MREs, and although each meal has more calories than most of us eat in a day, being picky can go a long way.

In the mad cattle rush to get to the box of stool stoppers, attempt to grab a meal that is lower in fat. Obviously the grilled chicken and turkey breasts are among the healthier cuisines, but the abundance of low-fat meals may surprise you:

- chicken and salsa
- pasta with vegetables
- jambalaya
- cheese tortellini

In addition to these few examples, another good tip is to break your meal apart. Eat the meat and crackers initially and save the rest for throughout the day. Hunger will strike frequently as a result of a combination of the hot sun and training. And as usual, drink plenty of water!

So you're off shift and your well-balanced MRE has gone down and now it's time for a workout. How in the world do you accomplish that in the middle of the desert? You may be surprised to find that you already have all of the equipment you'll need.

Using your own body weight can be one of the best routines. There are the apparent exercises: push-ups, sit-ups, crunches, squats with a full rucksack, etc. However, if these do not wear you out and you crave a true gym atmosphere, construct some weights. For example, a tent pole, two boxes of MREs, and heavy-duty tape make an excellent bar bell, which can be used for bicep and tricep workouts, as well as for chest and back. Although a cot isn't the most comfortable choice, when it is all you have it can substitute for a good workout bench.

Cardio is probably the most limiting type of workout for the reason that Soldiers can't exactly run in a tactical environment. The side-straddle hop and running in place are among the easiest exercises, given the situation.

Working out in the field isn't exactly the equivalent to a gym atmosphere, but it is better than just sitting around waiting to get back into the game. Keeping your muscles active will help you to remain in top shape and also to eliminate the soreness once you are able to resume your regular workout routine.

Sources: Military.com

This is some of the speech that Gen. Douglas MacArthur's gave to the Corps of Cadets at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., May 12, 1962.

I challenge you to take to heart what Gen. MacArthur says and remember what we are ultimately here to do. Even if you read no more than the first paragraph, he in essence explains what being a Soldier truly means. He reminds us that "duty, honor, and country" are the foundation for which this institution is based upon.- 2LT Taysha Deaton

"Duty, Honor, Country-"

"Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you want to be, what you can be, what you will be. They are your rallying point to build courage when courage seems to fail, to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith, to create hope when hope becomes forlorn. Unhappily, I possess neither that eloquence of diction, that poetry of imagination, nor that brilliance of metaphor to tell you all that they mean.

The unbelievers will say they are but words, but a slogan, but a flamboyant phrase. Every pedant, every demagogue, every cynic, every hypocrite, every troublemaker, and, I am sorry to say, some others of an entirely different character, will try to downgrade them even to the extent of mockery and ridicule.

But these are some of the things they do. They build your basic character. They mold you for your future roles as the custodians of the nation's defense. They make you strong enough to know when you are weak, and brave enough to face yourself when you are afraid.

They teach you to be proud and unbending in honest failure, but humble and gentle in success; not to substitute words for action; not to seek the path of comfort, but to face the stress and spur of difficulty and challenge; to learn to stand up in the storm, but to have compassion on those who fall; to master yourself before you seek to master others; to have a heart that is clean, a goal that is high; to learn to laugh, yet never forget how to weep; to reach into the future, yet never neglect the past; to be serious, yet never take yourself too seriously; to be modest so that you will remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, the meekness of true strength.

They give you a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions, a freshness of the deep springs of life, a temperamental predominance of courage over timidity, an appetite for adventure over love of ease.

They create in your heart the sense of wonder, the unfailing hope of what next, and the joy and inspiration of life. They teach you in this way to be an officer and a gentleman.

And what sort of soldiers are those you are to lead? Are they reliable? Are they brave? Are they capable of victory?

Their story is known to all of you. It is the story of the American man at arms. My estimate of him was formed on the battlefield many, many years ago, and has never changed. I regarded him then, as I regard him now, as one of the world's noblest figures; not only as one of the finest military characters, but also as one of the most stainless.....

The code which those words perpetuate embraces the highest moral law and will stand the test of any ethics or philosophies ever promoted for the uplift of mankind. Its requirements are for the things that are right, and its restraints are from the things that are wrong.

The soldier, above all other men, is required to practice the greatest act of religious training: sacrifice. In battle and in the face of danger and death, he disposes those divine attributes which his Maker gave when he created man in His own image. No physical courage and no brute instinct can take the place of the divine help which alone can sustain him. However hard the incidents of war may be, the soldier who is called upon to offer and to give his life for his country is the noblest development of mankind.....

And through all this welter of change and development your mission remains fixed, determined, inviolable. It is to win our wars. Everything else in your professional career is but corollary to this vital dedication. All other public purposes, all other public projects, all other public needs, great or small, will find others for their accomplishment; but you are the ones who are trained to fight.

Yours is the profession of arms, the will to win, the sure knowledge that in war there is no substitute for victory, that if you lose, the Nation will be destroyed, that the very obsession of your public service must be **Duty, Honor, Country**. But in the evening of my memory always I come back to West Point. Always there echoes and re-echoes: **Duty, Honor, Country**.

Today marks my final roll call with you. But I want you to know that when I cross the river, my last conscious thoughts will be of the Corps, and the Corps, and the Corps.
I bid you farewell."

-Gen. Douglas MacArthur

256 BCT Photo Album



1-69 Soldiers simulating a casualty evacuation



Soldiers of 256th Calling for fire



Sgt. Welch gives Spc. Suire of 2-156 commands for Mortar Gun System



Sgt. Tauzin, a Medic with HHC 256th provides medical assistance to a real-world minor injury



A Scout of 1-156 preparing for convoy LFX



Just for Laughs!

Fun in the Sun



Soldiers were having so much fun taking DCU photos they had to spell it!



It looks like Cpt. Hargrave has his eye on the prize

NTC-Mailing Address

Rank, Full Name
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Murphy's Laws of Combat Operations (cont.)

- 33. Things which must be shipped together as a set, aren't.
- 34. Things that must work together, can't be carried to the field that way.
- 35. Radios will fail as soon as you need fire support.
- 36. Radar tends to fail at night and in bad weather, and especially during both).
- 37. Anything you do can get you killed, including nothing.
- 38. Make it too tough for the enemy to get in, and you won't be able to get out.
- 39. Tracers work both ways.
- 40. If you take more than your fair share of objectives, you will get more than your fair share of objectives to take.
- 41. When both sides are convinced they're about to lose, they're both right.
- 42. Professional soldiers are predictable; the world is full of dangerous amateurs.
- 43. Military Intelligence is a contradiction.

Whose Company Was Better?

Author: Unknown

Two men were boasting to each other about their old army days. "Why, my outfit was so well drilled," declared one, "that when they presented arms all you could hear was slap, slap, click." "Very good," conceded the other, "but when my company presented arms you'd just hear slap, slap, jingle." "What was the jingle?" asked the first. "Oh," replied the other offhand, "just our medals."